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FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE IN TIME FOR TAX SEASON

Get Help With Your Taxes and Learn If You Qualify for the EITC

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), invites the community to join him at the FINAL stop of his 2012 FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program at Long Beach City College, (LBCC) on April 14 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The goal of this event is to ensure every person or family with annual earnings of up to \$50,000, gets a financial head start through the VITA and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) programs within the Greater Los Angeles Area.

"For California to rise above economic uncertainty and succeed, so must her citizens," said Chairman Horton. "I am committed to giving Californians the tools they need to help them achieve economic success."

Unfortunately, many individuals and families are not aware of the assistance they can get through the FREE VITA services provided by volunteers at the BOE and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Furthermore, many also did not know that they may also qualify for the EITC, a refundable tax credit primarily for individuals and families who have low to moderate earned income.

The Brookings Institute's 2009 Report states that for every EITC \$1.00 an individual consumer spends into the economy, \$2.00 goes back towards reducing poverty, increasing the quality of public education, cleaner communities, and lower crime rates. Unquestionably, FREE tax assistance helps families not only get a financial head start but also provides a much needed stimulus to the economy in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Please join us and our SPECIAL GUEST Josefa Salinas at the Long Beach City College on April 14th.

For every problem there is an opportunity! That opportunity begins on April 14th!

Saturday, April 14
Long Beach City College
4901 East Carson St.
Long Beach CA 90808
For an appointment call 888-434-8248
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information on the scheduled Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Services event visit Chairman Jerome E. Horton's BOE website: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/2012/vita.htm>.

You can listen to the Public Service Announcement at:
www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/2012/vita_video.htm.

Get information on the Special Guest: <http://www.hot923.com/pages/josefasalinas.html>

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The State Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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